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SPAIN.

BARCELONA, SPAIN, *May 8, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to inclose a note of the vessels inspected and bills of health issued during the two weeks ended April 30, 1900.

I have also to report that as the municipal authorities of this city, though twice requested to do so, failed to furnish this consulate-general with the official particulars of the number of cases and deaths from infectious diseases in this city, notice was sent to the various steamship companies that in future the fact that the required particulars could not be obtained from the authorities would be stated on all bills of health issued.

The effect of this intimation has been, as hoped for, that the steamship companies have taken steps in the matter, and obtained an official promise from the mayor that the required details will be furnished to them in future. I must report that on the bill of health issued to the steamship *Martin Saenz* I stated I was unable to obtain the information regarding the cases and deaths from the authorities. To-day I have received an official communication from the mayor that in future the steamship companies will be furnished with all particulars.

Respectfully,

H. HENDERSON RIDER,
Vice and Deputy Consul-General.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Report from Bilbao.

BILBAO, SPAIN, *May 4, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that yesterday evening, May 3, the steamship *Ashfield*, sailing for New York with a cargo of iron ore, was inspected; crew, 22.

The health of Bilbao and vicinity continues to be good, no contagious diseases being reported.

Respectfully,

CARLOS YENSEN,
United States Consular Agent.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

VENEZUELA.

Quarantine of the Augusto at Cabello because of smallpox at Maricaibo.

PUERTO CABELLO, VENEZUELA, *April 23, 1900.*

SIR: April 22, 1900, about 7 a. m., the tug *Augusto*, Venezuelan ship, entered this port, after having been officially visited by the doctor and interpreter of the port, and proceeded to the wharf in front of the custom-house.

A few minutes after its arrival, instructions were received from the chief of the customs to allow no one to disembark and to have the ship taken outside in the harbor and prevented from communicating with the shore.

Investigation brought out the fact that there is smallpox in Maracaibo, Venezuela, according to the information received by the Venezuelan authorities here, and it was for that reason the *Augusto* and her passengers were not allowed to communicate with or touch the shore, after the order was received from the official named above.